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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated June 24, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

sub D1
A1 2. (Amended) The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein said agent is fixed on a skin-contacting surface of said absorbent article.

sub C2
A2 5. (Amended) An absorbent article comprising a liquid retentive absorbent layer and a liquid-impermeable leak proof layer, wherein an agent having a prescribed effect on the skin of a wearer and substantially no decomposing action on